

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(111) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many offshore applications for visas were made under our refugee and humanitarian program in 2010–11, by post and by nationality group?

Answer:

To 28 February 2011 there were 37 070 applications made for visas under the offshore component of Australia's 2010–11 Humanitarian Program. This included applications for Refugee (subclass 200), In-Country Special Humanitarian (subclass 201), Global Special Humanitarian (subclass 202), Emergency Rescue (subclass 203), and Woman at Risk (subclass 204) visas.

These applications were lodged at the following posts and Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centres (OHPCs¹):

Post	Applications	Post	Applications
Cairo ²	10 590	Beirut	165
Melbourne OHPC ¹	8475	Tehran	134
Sydney OHPC ¹	5785	Beijing	76
Nairobi	3198	Suva	42
Amman	2441	Washington	29
New Delhi	1655	Moscow	26
Bangkok	933	Belgrade	21
Pretoria	723	Rangoon	19
Kuala Lumpur	665	Manila	9
Dubai	630	Seoul	6
Ankara	475	Port Moresby	5
Colombo	314	Santiago De Chile	4
Jakarta	240	Brasilia	1
Berlin	223	Ho Chi Minh City	1
Dhaka	184	Phnom Penh	1
		Total	37 070

¹ Applicants residing in Africa or the Middle East (including South West Asia) who are proposed for entry by an Australian relative, friend or community organisation are required to lodge their applications at the:

- NSW Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre for applicants in Africa; and
- Victorian Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre for applicants in the Middle East and South West Asia.

² The high number of applications received to date in Cairo is the result of over 9000 self-referred applications during October 2010. These applications were made following a rumour in the local community in Egypt that Australia was increasing its resettlement of refugees.

These applications were submitted by people born in the following countries:

Country of Birth	Applications	Country of Birth	Applications
Somalia	6978	Indonesia	9
Sudan	6584	Philippines	9
Iraq	5656	Nepal	8
Afghanistan	5306	Serbia	8
Ethiopia	2403	Angola	7
Eritrea	1901	Bangladesh	7
Burma	1817	Central African Republic	7
Bhutan	1123	Cuba	7
Congo (DRC)	847	El Salvador	7
Liberia	701	Ghana	6
Sri Lanka	492	Tibet (so stated)	6
Pakistan	488	Qatar	5
Sierra Leone	458	South Africa	5
Iran	418	United Kingdom	5
Congo (ROC)	252	Yemen	5
Burundi	215	Azerbaijan	4
Rwanda	155	Benin	4
Nigeria	136	Colombia	4
Palestinian Authority (so stated)	89	Georgia	4
Egypt	85	Mauritius	4
China (PRC)	71	Russian Federation	4
Chad	65	Vietnam	4
Kuwait	64	Armenia	3
Cote D'Ivoire	60	Libya	3
Thailand	60	Slovenia	3
Togo	44	Algeria	2
Guinea	39	Other	3
Lebanon	37	Bulgaria	2
Fiji	35	Canada	2
Zimbabwe	35	Croatia	2
India	29	Germany	2
Uzbekistan	25	United States of America	2
Tanzania	24	Belarus	1
U.S.S.R.	24	Burkina Faso	1
Kenya	23	Chile	1
Laos	20	Djibouti	1
Syria	19	Hungary	1
Uganda	18	Jamaica	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	17	Poland	1
Saudi Arabia	16	Romania	1
Kyrgyzstan	15	Senegal	1
Cameroon	13	Yemen	1
Malaysia	13	Zambia	1
United Arab Emirates	13	Gambia	1
Turkey	11	Stateless	1
Jordan	10	Total	37 070